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1. BECAUSE OF RECENT EVENTS CONGESTION AT PORT OF BEIRUT IS CURRENTLY MUCH REDUCED COMPARED TO CONDITIONS USUAL DURING PAST MONTHS. HOWEVER KNOWLEDGEABLE SHIPPING SOURCES EXPECT CONGESTION TO RESUME AS AND WHEN SHIPPING RETURNS TO NORMALCY.

2. INFORMATION AS TO PORT OF LATAKIA SCANTY. REPORTEDLY, BECAUSE OF THE WAR SITUATION PORT NOT CONGESTED BUT SHIPS ABLE TO CALL ONLY DURING CERTAIN LIMITED TIMES AND MUST FOLLOW CONVOY FROM 50 MILES OFFSHORE.

3. DIFFICULT TO ESTABLISH WHETHER OTHER CARRIERS OPERATING TO BEIRUT OR LATAKIA HAVE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED SPECIAL SURCHARGES IN ADDITION TO CHANGES INSTITUTED BY NAMF CONFERENCE.

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4. UNFORTUNATELY NAMFC'S 15 PERCENT CONGESTION SURCHARGE

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FOLLOWS ON HEELS OF 25 PERCENT WAR RISK SURCHARGE IMPOSED
BY NAMFC EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 25. LOCAL SHIPPERS
POINTING OUT THAT US FREIGHT CHARGES HAVE THUS
DOUBLED IN LESS THAN A YEAR'S TIME. (ALL THIS
IN ADDITION TO PRECIPITIOUS RISE IN MARINE INSURANCE.)
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